

From: Jennifer Ah Sing
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Waikapuna Land
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 7:25:01 PM

Good Evening,

I would like to express how important the Kau Coastline is to so many people. My family and I have been camping at Waikapuna in the Kau Coastline for over 10 years. It is a great and safe location for children to grow and learn about tide pools and the ocean. Waikapuna is so special because there are not many places that local people can access safely to enjoy their families and spend time with each other without modern technology. We all need to protect and perpetuate these sacred places so we can pass it down to our children so they and their children can experience these special areas.

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Board of Land and Natural Resources

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**Re: Testimony in Support of Agenda Item C(1)(B) and C(1)(C)
Legacy Land Grant Award to Ala Kahakai Trail Association, \$1,475,000, for the acquisition of approximately 1,841.3 acres at Ka'ū, Hawai'i (Kiolaka'a), Tax Map Key Numbers (3) 9-4-001:008, :009, :016, :017 and :023 and; Legacy Land Grant Award to Ala Kahakai Trail Association, \$875,000, for the acquisition of approximately 348 acres at Ka'ū, Hawai'i (Manāka'a Fishing Village), Tax Map Key Number (3) 9-5-010:026**

Aloha Chair Case and Members of the Board,

“Ma muli o keia loa'a ana o keia mau mea maika'i o kakou, mea pono no ia kakou e hana i kahi mau mea e waiho iho ai no na po'e e hele mai ana mahope. E 'ike keia lakou.” Because we have these good things, we should do the right thing to leave something for those who are coming after us. So that they may know. Herbert Ku'umi Kin In, 1960

These words from my Uncle Ku'umi are displayed on the walls of Hawaiian Hall at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu. Born in 1903 at Ka'alaiki, Ka'ū, he was a year older than my great-grandfather, Alfred Kalama Kahakua. Both brothers deeply loved their ancestral homeland of Ka'u and embraced the values of our kupuna. They were interviewed extensively by Tutu Kawena Pukui in the 1960s as she worked diligently to record our Hawaiian history, culture and language. In those recordings, they spoke fondly of the lands below Na'alehu including Waikapuna, Kaunāmano, Kāwala, Kamilo, Ka'alu'alu and Ka Lae. Their words often expressed sadness about the loss of our heritage, our language, our flora, fauna and the Ka'ū way of life.

Today, as I reflect upon this message from Uncle Ku'umi, I am humbled. Our community is in a position where we have a rare opportunity to honor the legacy of our kupuna by protecting these lands that have been passed down to us and saving them for the generations to follow.

The Ala Kahakai Trail Association (ATA) strongly supports the staff recommendation to approve the Legacy Land Conservation Commission recommendations for grant awards in agenda item C(1). A registered non-profit established in 2008, ATA's mission is to support and guide a community-managed trail that honors those who came before and perpetuates for those to follow – with protocols and respect for Hawai'i's past, present and future. Congress added the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail to the National Trails System in 2000 for the preservation, protection and interpretation of traditional Native Hawaiian culture and natural resources. Today, the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail is a 175-mile corridor and trail network of cultural and historical significance. It traverses through hundreds of ancient Hawaiian settlement sites and over 200 ahupua'a extending from 'Upolu Point on the north tip of Hawai'i Island down the west coast of the island around Ka Lae (South Point) to the east boundary of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. We are a Native Hawaiian Organization and our board is comprised of mostly descendants with ancestral ties to geographic sections of the trail. Our goal is to connect our communities with the trail through preservation and community-based management. I serve as a volunteer board member representing the Ka'u District.

For many years, the Ka'u community has advocated for the protection of the entire 80 miles of coastline. To advance this vision, ATA has been working to protect a nearly 10,000 acre contiguous landscape connected by over nine continuous miles of the ancient trail. Kiolaka'a which includes the east side of Ka'alu'alu Bay, was ranked #2 by the County of Hawaii Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC) in 2020. The adjacent State lands to the east include Wai'ohinu with the ancient village of Kamilo, a part of the Ka'u Forest Reserve. Further east is Waikapuna which has been conserved with County and State funds, Manāka'a Fishing Village which was ranked #1 by PONC in 2019, and Kāwala which will be kept in agriculture and preservation through a conservation easement. Further east is Kaunāmano which was nominated for preservation through the County and was ranked #1 by the State Legacy Land Commission for FY 2020. These efforts will complement other successfully protected lands at Honu'apo, Kāwā, Kamehame, and Kahuku. Our goal is to work together with community stakeholders towards collaborative landscape protection of the Ka'u coastline. The trail provides this connectivity.

My family has a deep ancestral connection to these lands. My mother's paternal family, Keanu, descended from the lands around Na'alehu, specifically Kahilipali, Kāwala and Kaunāmano. The family received multiple land grants and land commission awards in these ahupua'a after the Mahele which included both a 244 acre parcel on the north side of the Manāka'a property and a 184 acre parcel on the east side of Manāka'a property. Over the years, these lands were leased and sold to the plantation. With the closure of Ka'u Agribusiness at the turn of the century, many of these coastal lands below the highway were sold to real estate developers and land speculators. Soon after, applications were submitted to the County Planning Department for large luxury style subdivisions.

For the last twenty years, my family has advocated for the protection of family burials and cultural sites on these properties. In 2005, with the assistance of the Native Hawaiian Legal

Corporation, we asked the Planning Department to require a Special Management Area Use Permit Assessment for a proposed 12- lot subdivision at Kāwala which at that time included Manāka‘a, citing recent court rulings such as *Leslie vs Court of Appeals*. At our request, the State Historic Preservation Department (SHPD) insisted on a full archaeological inventory survey for the property and upon completion in 2013, the sheer magnitude of recorded cultural resources and iwi kupuna further justified the need for mitigation. As the sole recognized descendant, I attended a series of Hawaii Island Burial Councils from 2014-2015 and worked extensively with both the property owner’s consultants and SHPD to support protection of all burials as part of the burial treatment plan process. A preservation plan for cultural sites on the property was also required by SHPD but has not yet been completed.

In July 2009, SHPD granted an exception to the developer of the Kiolaka‘a property for a full archaeological inventory survey of the property prior to subdivision due to “economic hardship.” Only a survey of the planned roadway corridor was required. In April 2010, the developer received a variance from County roadway and water requirements as part of its 22 - lot subdivision. According to the approval letter, the variance would allow for the subdivision to be created without providing a water supply system to meet the minimum requirements of the Department of Water Supply and constructing minimum dedicable and nondedicable roadway improvements meeting with the requirements of the Department of Public Works. If we are unable to raise the funds to preserve this property, it will be subdivided and developed. In addition to the extensive trail network and multiple lava tube cave systems used for habitation, water collection and defense, the property includes a freshwater spring, anchialine ponds, top tier coastal plant habitat and a significant dryland forest remnant with rare trees. We intend to work with the community to manage these natural resources by partnering with local environmental organizations who are already providing resource protection in the area such as The Nature Conservancy and Hawaii Wildlife Fund.

ATA has committed in our public funding applications to developing a Community Management Plan for Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a within 18 months of gaining ownership, if the conservation acquisition is successful. ATA sincerely welcomes everyone’s participation in the Community Management planning process which will likely be facilitated by a planning consultant hired by the County. For the Waikapuna management plan, the County is currently in the process of hiring a consultant. We expect the planning consultation to commence within the next couple of months. In regards to public access requests, ATA has respected all requests for vehicular access to the beach at Waikapuna. We are unable to track pedestrian access via the coastal trails at this time. However, since acquiring the property a little over a year ago, we have received and accommodated approximately fifty requests for vehicular access. As part of our goals, we plan to create and initiate a community stewardship and educational program once the community management plan is completed and pandemic safety restrictions are lifted.

Protection of the Ka‘ū coastline has been a long-standing goal of the community and both Kiolaka‘a and Manaka‘a are an integral part of that collaborative landscape. We value our relationship with all Ka‘ū stewards and stakeholders as collaborative community partnerships

are vital to achieving landscape level protection. We will all need to work together and put the needs of the land first in order to be successful.

For my family, the threat of development is very real. These conservation purchases are a last resort to save these lands from subdivision and development which would disturb iwi kūpuna, compromise hundreds of cultural sites, and result in private gated communities where public access is restricted.

In the words of Uncle Ku'umi, we should do the right thing for those who are coming after us.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

Keoni Fox
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January 20, 2022

Board of Land and Natural Resources Committee

Re: Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a

Aloha kākou,

Please consider this my letter of support for the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a in Ka‘ū.

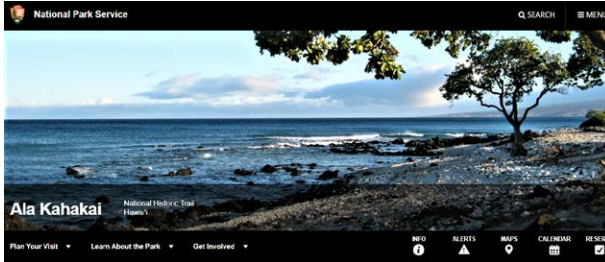
My name is Ruth Bass, and I have raised my children (and still live) in the Kiolaka‘a ahupua‘a. I have raised three daughters in Kiolaka‘a, and we were lucky enough to explore the Ka‘ū coastline in our backyards throughout their childhoods. My daughters were taught how to explore, how to respect, and how to mālama their ‘āina. Ka‘ū is special. It is rural by nature. Its people are fierce and strong. The cultural and natural resources found in Kiolaka‘a, Manāka‘a, and the entire Ka‘ū coastline are unlike anywhere else, and if we lose them, we lose our way of life.

Please support the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a.

Mahalo for your time,
Ruth Bass

From: Susan Brown
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] NPS
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 12:41:06 AM

Ala Kahakai Trail is a part of the NPS. If you continue to sell the Federal Government's Lands, you will be in violation of Federal Laws and will be subject to prosecution if You persist. It is a part of the NPS. and You are not allowed to sell off these areas without permission from the Feds.



Federal Historic Preservation Laws, Regulations, and Orders

The National Park Service carries out a wide variety of historic preservation work and programs. This work is not only in the National Park System, but also in partnership with local communities and preservation groups, State and Tribal governments, other federal agencies, and international organizations. The Park Service's historic preservation work is governed by federal law (United States Code [USC] and Public Laws [PL]), federal regulations (Code of Federal Regulations [CFR]), Presidential executive orders, and orders issued by the Director of the National Park Service. This page provides information about these laws, regulations, and orders. Please see our page about [Standards & Guidelines](#) for additional information about the National Park Service's historic preservation work. The citations below are for informal use only.

These entries are organized by their commonly known names, rather than their current legal citations. For example, preservationists are more likely to discuss Section 106 than 54 USC 306108.

Please note that Tribal, State, and local laws (as well as laws specific to other federal agencies) also establish important rules for historic preservation.

For information about the new Title 54 of the United States Code, please see our [Federal Preservation Laws introduction](#).

From: kellen1.galban@yahoo.com
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support itemC1B and C1C kiolaka"a and manaka"a
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:17:29 AM

I do not want any development or subdivisions...please add this testimony to file...

From: h11hahano
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ala Kahakai Opposition Testimony
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 5:33:58 PM

Aloha,

My name is Hawk Kumauna Hanoa and I am a lineal descendant from the Moku of Ka'u. My ancestral ties go back to Keouakalanikupuapa'ikalaninui, the last reigning chief of Ka'u. As such, I would like to express my opposition for the acquisition of funding for the purchase of land in Ka'u, requested by the Ala Kahakai Trail Association.

An entity such as Ala Kahakai whose head members do not reside in or experienced any lengthy period in the area should not be given the responsibility to dictate how the land is managed. Although there may be genealogical ties of Ala Kahakai members to Ka'u, that does not give them the right to represent the public and dictate what is in the people's best interest. This is clearly an opportunity for more sacred land to be purchased under the guise of preservation, when in fact the only people benefiting are those who took control. Ala Kahakai has already purchased a parcel in Ka'u and now as supposed stewards they issue out applications to gain access to the coastline where many families provide food for their families.

These actions do not benefit the people of Ka'u and there is no way to ensure the preservation of cultural artifacts and locations under Ala Kahakai. They have never held public meetings to discuss their plans and only reached out to those few in the community whom they knew would support their efforts. However, the who were contacted to not represent the majority. The people of Kau should decide how to manage their land and be given the opportunity to speak for themselves in this and any other related scenarios where outside forces seek to acquire land on immoral pretenses.

I strongly oppose Ala Kahakai, and their desire to acquire any more land in Ka'u especially when it is on Taxpayers dime.

Mahalo

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

From: Sophia Hanoa
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to the Ala Kahakai Trail Association Land Acquisition
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:31:16 PM

To: Board of the Land and Natural Resources (Land Board) 01/20/2021
From: Sophia Hanoa
Subject: Opposition to the Ala Kahakai Trail Association Land Acquisition

Aloha,

I am writing to you in strong opposition to the acquisition of interests and rights in specific parcels of land having value as a resource to the State, for:

As indicated in Attachment 1, the LLCC recommended that the Board approve full funding for each application for a land acquisition grant, in the order ranked, as fully as possible. Given the funding currently available for grants from the Land Conservation Fund (up to \$3,500,000 from the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2021), Board approval of the LLCC recommendation would result in awards to:

(2) Ala Kahakai Trail Association, for the acquisition of approximately 1,841.3 acres at Ka'u, Hawai'i (Item B, Kiolaka'a, full award, \$1,475,000);

B. ...Tax Map Key Numbers (3) 9-4-001:008 (Warranty Deed - 12/24/2009); 009 (Warranty Deed 12/24/2009); :016 (Warranty Deed - 12/24/2009); :017 (Warranty Deed - 12/24/2009); (and pending final county enrollment of new parcel);

(3) Ala Kahakai Trail Association, for the acquisition of approximately 348 acres at Ka'u, Hawai'i (Item C, Manaka'a Fishing Village, partial award, up to \$875,000);

C. ...Tax Map Key Numbers (3) 9-5-010:026 (Quit Claim Deed - 12/02/2004)

My name is Sophia Hanoa, I was born and currently reside in Ka'u as my ancestors before me. I grew up in a time when cultural traditions and practices were daily protocol. I learned from Na Kupuna, Kumu Hula, Kahuna pule, and Kahuna la'au lapa'au. The authentic cultural traditions and knowledge gained living the Ka'u lifestyle mauka to makai are not located in books. It was never displayed for all to see. However, it still exists today. There were three things that I was taught growing up in Ka'u. 1. Respect. 2. Good Intentions 3. Consequences. The following reasons are why I oppose AKTA acquiring more parcels of land in Ka'u.

1. AKTA failed to consult with Na Kupuna (the elders) of Ka'u.

- Non-practitioners and young employees from DLNR, Nature Conservancy, and Hawaii National Park are used as cultural resources. Misinformation and false practices that are being displayed are not traditional. It is the responsibility of the Kupuna and people of Ka'u to care for their Iwi Kupuna, historical and burial sites. These are traditional practices in Ka'u.

2. AKTA failed to communicate with the people of Ka'u. No transparency.

- There have been no community meetings held for the general public. Only a select group of individuals are consulted. Mr. Fox admitted to this at the last BLNR meeting. The rights of taxpayers were denied in the previous acquisition of Waikapuna.

3. AKTA Board members are not from Ka'u.

- Mr. Fox is not from Ka'u, was not raised in Ka'u and lives on O'ahu. Other board members are from Kona. It is against traditional practices in Ka'u to impose yourself in a place where you are not from and do not reside.

4. Violation of public accessibility with acquired lands.

- Since AKTA acquired Waikapuna the gates are locked. This is a violation of the Pash Act and the 1892 open beach trail access. In order to go to Waikapuna an application has to be approved by Mr. Fox who lives on O'ahu. This is in violation of Native gathering rights. Pa'akai sea salt gathering rights. HRS 264-1. Public highways and trails. (b) All trails, and other nonvehicular rights-of-way in the State declared to be public rights-of-ways by the Highways Act of 1892, or opened, laid out, or built by the government or otherwise created or vested as nonvehicular public rights-of-way at any time thereafter, or in the future.

5. Recent changes in Genealogical records.

- A certified genealogist and Na Kupuna of Ka'u should verify the information that is being submitted by applicants.

8. During the last BLNR meeting, Mr. Fox testified that he had leftover funds from the purchase of Waikapuna. He wanted to use the excess funds to purchase other parcels. That needs to be investigated.

The AKTA should not be allowed to acquire any more parcels of land in Ka'u. They do not have the capabilities to manage what they currently have. Therefore, I am in strong opposition to this proposal.

Sincerely,

Sophia Hanoa

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From: Lia
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ala kahakai association
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 8:02:03 PM

To whom it may concern,

Aloha I am writing this in regards to Ala kahakai trail association. I strongly oppose that they should NOT be receiving any more grants or funding to purchase land in Ka'u. As an heir of the Kuaimoku, Hanoa, Apiki ohana our family has deep ties and roots to this place. My reasons are that this association has not had a community meeting with the kupuna of ka'u or the community as a whole. The community should have a say on what goes on in Ka'u. Why should we have to answer to this association who have no ties to this place or even live here. This is very upsetting. I humbly ask that a community meeting be held and all kupuna in the area be contacted. Mahalo for your time.

Best regards,
Lia Hanoa-Hooper

January 20, 2021

Suzanne Case, Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) Chair; and
Members of Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR)
State of Hawai'i
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Aloha mai e kakou,

Suzanne Case, BLNR Chair; and
BLNR Members:
Christopher Yuen, Hawai'i Member
James A. Gomes, Maui Member
Thomas Oi, Kauai Member
Samuel "Oahu" Gon III, Oahu Member
Vernon Char, At Large
Wesley "Kaiwi" Yoon, At Large

RE: C. DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE

B. Ala Kahakai Trail Association (AKTA), \$1,475,000, for the acquisition of approximately 1,841.3 acres at Ka'u, Hawai'i (Kiolaka'a), Tax Map Key Numbers (3) 9-4-001:008, :009; :016; :017 (and:023, pending final county enrollment of new parcel); and

C. Ala Kahakai Trails Association (AKTA), \$875,000, for the acquisition of approximately 348 acres at Ka'u, Hawai'i (Manaka'a Fishing Village), Tax Map Key Number (3) 9-5-010:036.

I, **STRONGLY OPPOSE** and **DISAPPROVE** of **any/all grant awards** from the Land Conservation Fund for the acquisition of both Ala Kahakai Trails Association: **B. Kiolaka'a** and **C. Manaka'a**, Ka'u Hawai'i.

I am 72 years old, a native Hawaiian na Kupuna and have lived Ka'u, primarily Kahilipali Iki for close to 49 years.

My na 'ohana's genealogy dates back to the 1700s in Ka'u on my father's side:
William Kahale Sing (father) married Dora Kanahale Apau Sing (mother) both from O'ahu and passed on Hawai'i Island.

Mary Kekaikapu-O-Wahineaukai-O-Kaahumanu Kaolulo Kahale Sing (my father's mother) born on Wailuku, Maui; married Charles Lee Sing born on Oahu and both passed there.

Ruth Luka Kahinukalai Pili Kaiaokamalie Kahale married William Pulepule Kahale both born on Maui and Tutukane Kahale passed there with Tutuwahine Luka passed on O'ahu. They were Tutuwahine Mary's hanai then legally adopted daughter.

Tutuwahine's biological father was William Joseph Kaolulo and married Mary Au Kahikikalawahineonamoku (Kamehameha I was her great great great grandfather) both from Hawai'i Island, he from Ka'u and she from Napo'opo'o, South Kona.

Tutukane William's father was Palea and his mother was Kaolulo both born in Ka'u.

Tutukane Palea's father was Palea Ali'i Nui (Kalani-O-pu'u to Keoua Kalaninuiamamao to Keawe'ikekahiali'i-O-Kamoku to ...Po) and married Kahula-Nui-O-Keopulani (her father was Nuinuimakua) all from Ka'u.

My mother's side is originally from Kahalu'u, Kona. Her father was Robert Ah Yen Aionapu Apau and married 1st Lucy Kanuha Mailolo then 2nd Daisy Tatiana Savhenko Apau from Russia.

Papa's mother was Kahele Kanaina Apau from Kahalu'u, Kona and she married T'seng Pau aka Chung Pau aka Apou aka Apau from China.

Tutuwahine Kahele's father was Charles Kanaina (father of William Charles Lunalilo and Davida – ½ brothers of Tutuwahine Kahele); Moana Line – Liloa, Hakau and Umi-a-Liloa and Piilani of Maui born Napo'opo'o, Kona and her mother was Ka'uhane Kanaina, her father was Kalalakoa (Chief in Kamehameha I's Army) who was from North Keauhou, Kona.

Tutukane Charles' father was Eia Kalaiku'ahulu married Keali'ikauwa'ole Kauwa Palila (from the House of Moana ...) born at Hookena, South Kona.

By sharing my mo'oku'auhau (genealogy) it is to show you how deep my roots are on Hawai'i Island, especially Ka'u and the many families from one border to the other are related to me. Though I was not born or raised here, I was fortunate-blessed by my many na Kupuna, giving of themselves, pu'uwai (hearts) that I was to learn the significance of my native Hawaiian protocol, history, culture, customs, religion, and mo'olelo (stories of the various ahupua'a) of Ka'u. So, it is my kuleana (responsibility) to care and make pono (right) and acknowledge the past to move

forward into the future and to continue our na Kupuna's legacy of this very sacred and very special place.

The board members of Ala Kahakai Trails Association are not from Ka'u, though they may have genealogical ties here they fall short with any true association with our community. In particular, the one who claims connections to the ancient ones are found to have altered their genealogy, those with large land holdings in Ka'u. Many names dropped are not blood related and fail claims to those lands.

The buzz words Conservation - Preservation are many hopeful but honestly, how is it possible to have cattle, who have rudimentary intelligence, mere basic in nature. They have been known to urinate and defecate along the shoreline, which is polluting...honu'ea (green turtles) and Hawaiian monk seals birth and resting along the shores of Waikapuna Bay. In addition, don't forget cattle will desecrate and knock down the pohaku (stones) of the ilina (burial) of iwi kupuna for a juicy blade of grass.

More than a year ago, AKTA agreed to partner with EPA, State of Hawai'i and the County to build a Wastewater Treatment Facility with open lagoons probably less than two miles away from the beach. With common occurrences of electrical outages, surges, ever wonder should there be a malfunction, what about the overflow? What will happen to our kai, we have seasonal tides and shifting currents that if it should occur, 80 miles of our Ka'u coast could be contaminate for many years and the people of Ka'u will lose their subsistence marine edibles and food supply for who knows how long it would take its pristine status to return. **Nana** (look) at Keaukaha, it is still experiencing their sewage spill (2011) aftermath these many years later.

So, **VOTE NO** to this funding, over a one year has passed and what has been done to protect our important historical archaeological sites...and the freedom we once had to go down to the kai with our na 'ohana...mo'opuna without filing out an application...our **RIGHTS** have been denied, **PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN!**

Mahalo nui loa for your patience and understanding...

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,

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From: Kehau Ke
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Cc: [Jessie Ke](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ala Kahakai
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:49:40 PM

Aloha Member of The Board Of Land and Natural Resources,

My name is Jessie Ke. I am also known as Kupuna Ke in our Ka'u community. I am a resident of Ka'u as well as a concerned resident for the families of Ka'u. I am in opposition to awarding our Ka'u Land to the Ala Kahakai Trail Association.

My reasons are they failed to take care of their Kuleana (responsibility) to Ka'u which is its people first. The name Ka'u (the waiu)(the breast). Ka'u is a mother to to her people. She nurtures and nourishes them. Kiolaka'a, Kaunamano and Manaka'a also nurtures and nourishes the families of Ka'u. Providing for our needs. The families of Ka'u should be more important than cattle. You who sits on this "Board" have no connection to Ka'u nor understand our culture and life style. Yet all of you will hold our life and well-being in your hands. Remember Waikapuna that you helped Ala Kahakai Trail Association acquired where the cattle's have desecrated our coastline. Destroying Na Ko'a(the fishing shrines). These shrines are temples for our divers. They depend on these landmarks to find (the houses as they are known) where certain fishes are located. This is knowledge passed down from our Kupuna.

The one who claim to preserve and protect were fast on their words and it sounded so sweet that you The Board Members took everything for face value and allowed this to happen.

So in closing, Remember Waikapuna. Please don't make the same mistake again with our Ka'u 'Aina Kiolaka'a, Kaunamano and Manaka'a. I Don't support Ala Kahakai Trail Association. Ka'u and it's people are Kupaianaha (extraordinary). We are still connected culturally and spiritually to mother Ka'u. We hold strong to the Mana'o. Malama Ke Akua. Malama Ka 'Aina a me Ke Kai (to honor our God. Caring for the Land and Sea).

Mahalo,
Kupuna Jessie Ke

From: charles maguire
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Kiolaka'a and Manaka'a preservation.
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 8:25:35 PM

Aloha,

As a descendant of the Kau area, I'm in support of Agenda items C1B and C1C. Ancient habitat and cultural areas should be preserved for future generations forever.

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Sent from my iPad

January 20, 2022

Board of Land and Natural Resources Committee

Re: Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a

Aloha kākou,

Please consider this my letter of support for the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a in Ka‘ū.

My name is David McFadden, and I was born and raised in Ka‘ū, Kiolaka‘a (and Pu‘umaka‘ā) ahupua‘a. I am an avid fisherman and waterman. I have grown up on the land and water of Ka‘ū and continue to cherish all this land has to offer with my wife and daughter. I have witnessed development of our coastline and desecration of our resources and seen its effects on our subsistence culture and lifestyle. The Kiolaka‘a parcel is a historical land that is full of burial sites and cultural sites of our ancestors, and is already being heavily impacted by ranching. The Kiolaka‘a coastline is already seeing human impacts and is in need of protection. Manāka‘a is still untouched, but continuously threatened by development. Losing historical fishing villages like Manāka‘a would be losing subsistence culture, and our land cannot handle that. I would like nothing more than preserving these sensitive areas for the future generations.

Please support the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a.

Mahalo for your time,
David McFadden

January 20, 2022

Board of Land and Natural Resources Committee

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Aloha kākou,

Please consider this my letter of support for the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a in Ka‘ū.

My name is Lindsey Miller, and I am a resident of Mark Twain subdivision, which is near Kiolaka‘a. My family and I cherish making memories exploring the forest and hiking the coastline. I have spent many days and nights in the Kiolaka‘a ahupua‘a, from the road to the bay, and could not be more supportive of the protection of these sacred lands. To save 80 miles of coastline would be an incredible feat for the Ka‘ū people, and for our future generations.

Please support the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a.

Mahalo for your time,
Lindsey Miller

From: Randall Mochizuki
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka'a and Manaka'a
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 10:14:13 PM

I am writing in support of the Legacy Land conservation purchase of the Kiolaka'a and Manaka'a lands in Kau. The lands serve as important recreational, camping and fishing areas not only for the Kau community, but also for outside communities. That non-Kau families would drive so far to camp here shows how few there are left on the island to enjoy.

The area reminds me of what Makena Beach on Maui in the 1960's used to be. During my teenage years there, we would spend many pleasant weekends camping there. That opportunity no longer exist due to the numerous hotels and private homes that have overtaken the area.

The areas also contain numerous cultural and historical sites along with one of the largest refuge caves on the island. I understand that some of these sites are being inadvertently damaged uncontrolled traffic. Marking of these sites and access management would help alleviate these problems.

Thank you,

Randy Mochizuki

Naalehu resident

January 20, 2022

Board of Land and Natural Resources Committee

Re: Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a

Aloha kākou,

Please consider this my letter of support for the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a in Ka‘ū.

My name is Ibid Nicolaisen, and I was born and raised in Ka‘ū, Kiolaka‘a (and Pu‘umaka‘ā) ahupua‘a. I am now raising my two sons in Honomalino mauka. As a child, my family was always adventuring. As the daughter of a fisherman, the coast of Ka‘ū was our source of food growing up. We spent many days and nights hiking, camping, and fishing the areas from Honu‘apo to Honomalino. Kiolaka‘a was such a special place to us - it provided countless imaginative thoughts of the stories told on the old road, countless hiking explorations, and provided my sisters and I gained a sense of Hawaiian culture and history as we would discover caves and cultural sites. Traveling to and around Waikapuna was always a treasured memory, and hiking the Maniania pali felt like we were going back in time.

Ka‘ū is rural, and it needs to stay that way. If we want to provide for our future generations, we need your support in the protection of these sacred lands.

Please support the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a.

Mahalo for your time,
Ibid Nicolaisen

January 20, 2022

Board of Land and Natural Resources Committee

Re: Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a

Aloha kākou,

Please consider this my letter of support for the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a in Ka‘ū.

My name is Robert “Nick” Nicolaisen. I am a fisherman in Ka‘ū, I own property in Green Sands and Mark Twain subdivisions, and have raised four daughters in the area as well. I have been an active fisherman and community member since the early 80’s, and have watched the development encroach on our lifestyle. I cannot count how many memories I have in Kiolaka‘a and at Ka‘alu‘alu Bay with my family, and now they are bringing their children to appreciate the same places. The area from Ka‘alu‘alu northeast, through Kāmilo to Honu‘apo and beyond, is remote and rural. It supports fisherman, ranchers, and the community. To develop this area would be detrimental to the Ka‘ū community.

Please support the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a.

Mahalo for your time,
Robert “Nick” Nicolaisen

January 20, 2022

Board of Land and Natural Resources Committee

Re: Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a

Aloha kākou,

Please consider this my letter of support for the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a in Ka‘ū.

My name is Sarah Nicolaisen, and I was born and raised in Ka‘ū, Kiolaka‘a (and Pu‘umaka‘ā) ahupua‘a. I have spent my childhood exploring Ka‘ū and learning of it’s uniqueness with my family, and now as a parent, I am sharing this place with my daughter. Many of my childhood memories were from Kiolaka‘a, from mauka to the coastline. We spent many days camping, fishing, and hiking around the area. Having grown up here, I have seen many changes. The threat of developments is the worst of its kind for this land. Ka‘ū land simply cannot handle major developments. It is so rural, so pristine, and so unique. It is necessary to maintain our subsistence lifestyle. Losing Kiolaka‘a and historical fishing grounds like Manāka‘a would be losing Ka‘ū culture, and there would be no going back.

Please support the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a.

Mahalo for your time,
Sarah Nicolaisen

From: Keona Paaluhi
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] No More Lands For Ala Kahakai Trails
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:08:58 PM

Aloha BLNR Chair Persons;

This letter is to strongly oppose the purchase of Kiolaka'a and Manaka'a Fishing Village by Ala Kahakai Trail Association.

We oppose this acquisition with the understanding of today, we have inherited the genes and mana of both our human ancestors and spiritual forces of the land. Linkages to specific ancestral lands provide each 'ohana a sense of origin, place, and identity. Acknowledgement of such ancestry bears the responsibility to protect these lands and of its resources as we protect the members of our living 'ohana.

Born and raised in Ka'u, my veins are carrying the blood of a people who understand the sacredness of land and water. This is my culture and no matter how remote the past is, it does not make my culture extinct. The land is alive, respected, treasured, praised and even worshipped. The land is "one hanau," sand of our birth, and resting place for our bones. The land lives as do the 'uhane, or spirits of all our ancestors who nurtured both physical and spiritual relationships with the land. The land has provided for generations, and will hopefully provide for the future generations. The land is not viewed as a commodity, it is the foundation of our cultural and spiritual identity.

This special place is where our "Iwi Kupuna are buried so we naturally malama that kuleana. In death and beyond, consecrated special areas as their resting places and recognized special points to enter into the next life. Do not dry out the bones of the ancestors. Do not discuss your ancestors too freely with strangers, for it is like exposing their bones for all to see.

Will we be blocked access to our lands and shorelines? Will the aina be left untouched, pristine and pure? I don't want the same thing happening again, we don't deserve that. Please give great consideration for your decision. KEEP KA'U, KA'U.....

Mahalo nui for consideration and understand!

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From: Leilani Pena
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka'a and Manaka'a
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:23:45 AM

Aloha Kakahiaka,

I am writing this email **in support of item C1B and C1C Kiolaka'a and Manaka'a**. My family bought land here at Ka Lae in 1986 and this is where I was raised. Now some 20 years later I have my own land here in Mark Twain with native plants and food crops. This place is what inspired me to care about the 'aina and have respect for the sustainable way of life that exists here. I have a degree in Environmental Economics from UH Manoa, so I know very well the value of our natural resources we have here. **Some of the valuable resources of the Kiolaka'a area include endemic plants, fresh water and public health.** Many people here also rely on fishing, ranching and hunting to feed their families.

The Ka'u coastline is one of the last remaining wild places in the State. **If this land is preserved in conservation it can be a place for education, culture, natural beauty and public welfare.** As a kama'aina, educator and a caring citizen, I ask that you think about the future generation and all that could be lost for them.

The Ala Kahakai Trail Association has the best interest for the community and I support their efforts. Thank you for listening and take good care.

Respectfully,

Leilani Peña
(Social Studies Teacher)
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From: Parker Powell
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka'a and Manaka'a
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021 7:45:35 AM

I support C1B and C1C Kiolaka'a and Manaka'a for land preservation as it is a critical habitat for native hawaiian plants, marine species, and numerous historical archeological sites of the people who once inhabited this area. It is also a major natural and cultural resource for the people of Ka'u in modern times and should be preserved extensively for the future generations. Development will desecrate these resources. Ua mau ke ea o ka 'Aina i ka pono.

The Mary Kawena Pūku'i Cultural Preservation Society

A Unique and Invaluable Educational Resource

January 20, 2021

State of Hawai'i
Board of Land and Natural Resources

Subject: Support: Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka'a and Manaka'a

Aloha no kākou,

The Mary Kawena Pūku'i Cultural Preservation Society fully supports the ongoing efforts of the Ala Kahakai Trail Association (ATA) and the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) to prevent development of the Ka'ū coastline and work with the Ka'ū community to preserve our ancestral homelands.

Mary Kawena Pūku'i dedicated her life to the preservation and perpetuation of our language, customs and traditions for future generations. Born in Hāniumalu, above Na'alehu and raised by her grandmother, Nali'ipo'aimoku, her love for the sands of her birth led to her detailed documentation of the people, lands and traditions of Ka'ū nui.

To further illustrate the family ties of the people of Ka'ū, please refer to the ending section of the Manāka'a fact sheet that was submitted by the ATA, which makes reference to the Kahuna Ho'oulu-i'a who initiated and released the fishing kapu to insure perpetual availability of fish. That kahuna was Kawena Pūku'i's grandfather, Ke-li'i-kanaka-'ole-o-Haililani (Kanaka'ole) who was also a Kahuna La'au Lapa'au (medicinal expert) as noted by Kalakaua in his book in the Bishop Museum

I have attached the English translation of an old chant entitled "Ka-lawai'a-hōlona-i-ke-kai-a-Manāka'a, (The unskilled fishermen in the sea at Manāka'a) composed in the early 1800's, from "SONGS (MELES) OF OLD KA'Ū, HAWAI'I by Mary Kawena Pūku'i, presented in May .1940 at a meeting of the Anthropological Society of Hawai'i which I will summarize here.

This chant is about Kanaka'ole, his younger brother, Kekipi and their cousin, Kawelu fishing in the sea at Manāka'a. The three Waikapuna men were made fun of by Keawe-hano, a noted fisherman standing on the shore. He called them unskilled fishermen and that there were no fish there. Kanaka'ole began to offer prayer to a female 'aumakua (family guardian) who lived in the sea. His prayers were answered as they caught many fish for the chief, Alakaihu-i-ke-Kupa'ai. When the first great haul of fish was taken to shore, Keawe-hano forgot his unkind words and excitedly ran to help with the three loads, totaling 480 fish, so that he might be given some.

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Not long after this event, Kawelu's wife, Huli-o-ka-manomano, gave birth to baby girl who was named Kalawaiahōlonaikekaiamanāka'a. This was her name chant. Years later, after she had grown up and married, she gave birth to a stillborn child. Kanaka'ole took the child, placed her in a large calabash and held it up to catch the warmth of the Waikapuna sun and prayed that she would live. The baby stirred and cried, and Kanaka'ole named her Hanau-maka-o-kalani (Kalani who was born from his mother's eye). This infant who was brought to life, was the great grand aunt of Keoni Fox of the Ala Kahakai Trail Association.

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In 1960, my grandmother, Kawena Pūku'i, who was with the Bishop Museum at the time took me with her on a field trip to Hawai'i Island. She made many such trips, with her assistant, Ellie Williamson, to interview and record knowledgeable elders on all islands, who told of their lives, experiences, history, genealogy, etc., for posterity. After each trip, they would transcribe and translate these interviews, hundreds of which remain in the Bishop Museum archives. On this particular trip, one of the people interviewed was an old, famous fisherman who lived in a shack at Ka'alu'alu by the name of Kawelaukapu Kua'ana. He was recorded for several hours, talking about his life, the area and his experiences. He showed us how he made his nets and gave me a hi'a, a tool he used to make nets. I was recently told a story by a 90 year-old man, who, as a young boy would go fishing with Kapu. He recalled one day when they were far out in his canoe, Kapu jumped in the water, holding a big stone and spear, so the weight of the stone would take him to the bottom quickly. He watched Kapu stabbing into a hole and eventually surface with a big he'e (octopus). He said when they went back to shore, the head of the hee was over Kapu's shoulder, by his stomach and the tentacles were dragging on the sand behind him.

It is of utmost importance to preserve these areas and their stories and prevent them from being forever destroyed and developed for profit. Your kind consideration is much appreciated.

Aloha,

L. La'akea Suganuma

President/Director

Grandson of Mary Kawena Pūku'i

The unskilled fishermen in the sea at Manāka'a

Answer, O Ka-lawai'a-hōlona-i-ke-kai-o-Manaka'a (The unskilled-fishermen-at-the-sea-of-Manka'a).
Kanaka'ole, who held the native rosewood rod, stands forth, (saying)
Make ready while the sun is still above,

Lest Alakaihu-i-ke-Kupa'ai be without (fish).
Ke-kipi-o-Haililani was at the place where the outrigger boom joined the canoe.
Waiu and Lumaheihei sat beyond him.
The eyes of the fish were blinded (by the light),
The kukui nuts were blown into the water, (on) the sea floor could be seen the fish of the unskilled ones.

The great fisherman called out, "My boy, how about me?"
Once, twice, thrice they went ashore.
Kapule, who was in charge of the guide line stood forth,
Huli-o-ka-manomano was in charge of the containers.
Ka'aiuki patted along the sides (of the net)
(While) Kalua-kapu-kane talked incessantly.
The quick one, Keawe-hano, stood forth,
For the news of the fish of the unskilled ones had reached inland.
Pamaho'a asked Kanaka'ole, "Did you catch any fish?"
"Yes, we have caught four hundred and eighty."
Kahalikua-ka-manomano stood forth,
She who was interested in the affairs of her elder sisters.
We are not the descendants of fishermen but of farmers
That farmed in the sun and the rain.
The great fisherman with strong forehead and wrinkled cheeks was mistaken
And ran over the blackened lave beds of my land
To the sea of Ka-wai-uhi.
The sons of the great fisherman, Kaha'i-moku,
Asked, "How is the fish of Manāka'a?"
The great fisherman denied that there was fish,
"There is none, except for the unskilled."
No great fisherman had even gone without eating the pipipi shell fish of the shiny lave rocks,
These have filled the mouth of the great fisherman.
The name given to the child was for her three fathers (father and uncles).
They were the unskilled fishermen, but the name is hers,
Huli was her mother, O answer to the name chant.

From: Georgette
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Strongly Oppose
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 6:29:19 PM

Hi my name is Georgette Ramos and I have lived here in Ka'u all my life .I have seen outsiders buy land and always say no worry because the people of Ka'u going benefit never happened so in the end we fight again for our beloved land. If their intentions were right from the beginning they would have taken the time to sit and listen. I know for myself how special Ka'u is .Think of her name and what it means!

Sent from my iPhone

January 20, 2022

Board of Land and Natural Resources Committee

Re: Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a

Aloha kākou,

Please consider this letter to hold my statement of support for the protection of both Ka‘ū properties on your agenda tomorrow, the large Kiolaka‘a parcel and the fishing village of Manāka‘a in Kāwala and. The protection of these two pristine areas of rural Ka‘ū is imperative to perpetuate Hawaiian culture and the lifestyle of the Ka‘ū people. These areas are rich in Hawaiian cultural sites, historical trails, rare and endangered plants, pristine dryland forest ecosystems, and marine coastal marine resources.

My name is Jodie Rosam, and I am a resident of Ka‘ū, Kiolaka‘a ahupua‘a. Our family owns nearly 50 acres in Kiolaka‘a, which share an upper boundary to the Kiolaka‘a parcel. We also own several parcels in the Green Sands subdivision, also in Kiolaka‘a. Our family has been here for over 30 years, and we care deeply for these lands. Our parcel contains an old agricultural complex, and was a major source of subsistence for the greater Kiolaka‘a area. As a restoration ecologist, conservationist, and teacher, I see the uniqueness of this land. Not only does it contain rare plant species, but it contains history. The amount of cultural sites, still impressively intact, is mindblowing. There are stands of wiliwili trees towering in the canopy, as well as other rare species at-risk from dessication by ungulates and heavy machinery. There are old rare trees that have been harvested for house posts. From battleground cave systems to ancient agricultural sites to veins of rare plants, this place is rich with significance. Without property protection, so much would be lost.

Just Northeast of my ahupua‘a, beyond the recently-protected Waikapuna pali, lies Manāka‘a the ancient fishing village in Kāwala ahupua‘a. This site is relatively small, but speaks volumes for Hawaiian history and ancient fishing traditions. The Maniana Pali is well-known in fishing culture. This ‘āina tells many stories. It is full of heiau, iwi kupuna shelter caves, water collection caves, mauka-makai trail systems, and an impressive ahu for Kua, Ka‘ū’s shark god. The subsistence traditions our ancestors used are still prevalent today. Losing Manāka‘a would be losing a vital piece to the preservation of Ka‘ū’s strong subsistence culture.

Protecting these two parcels is vital for maintaining the lifestyle of Ka‘ū. It is vital for our rare plants and plant communities. It is vital for our watershed and marine resources. It

is vital for our cultural sites. Most importantly, it is vital for the future. As a mother, I want nothing more than for my children and grandchildren to experience this incredible 'āina as I do. He mau makana nāu kēia na kō mākou kūpuna.

Me ke aloha pumehana,
Jodie Rosam, community member
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January 20, 2022

Board of Land and Natural Resources Committee

Re: Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a

Aloha kākou,

Please consider this my letter of support for the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a in Ka‘ū.

My name is Talan Rosam, and I was born and raised in Ka‘ū, Kiolaka‘a ahupua‘a. I have spent my childhood exploring Ka‘ū and learning of it’s uniqueness with my family, and now as a parent, I am sharing this place with my children. Many of my childhood memories were from Kiolaka‘a, from mauka to the coastline. We spent many days camping, fishing, and hiking around the area. Having grown up here, I have seen many changes. The threat of developments is the worst of its kind for this land. Ka‘ū land simply cannot handle major developments. It is so rural, so pristine, and so unique. It is necessary to maintain our subsistence lifestyle. Losing Kiolaka‘a and historical fishing grounds like Manāka‘a would be losing Ka‘ū culture, and there would be no going back.

Please support the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a.

Mahalo for your time,
Talan Rosam
greensandsgutters@gmail.com

January 20, 2022

Board of Land and Natural Resources Committee

Re: Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a

Aloha kākou,

Please consider this my letter of support for the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a in Ka‘ū.

My name is Laurie Strand, and I unwaveringly support the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manka‘a. My husband is a well-respected Ka‘ū fisherman, and we have raised our daughters on these lands. As residents of the Mark Twain subdivision (very near to the Kiolaka‘a parcel), we appreciate the natural resources this area has to offer. To see these lands developed on would be to lose our way of life.

Please support the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a.

Mahalo for your time,
Laurie Strand

January 20, 2022

Board of Land and Natural Resources Committee

Re: Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a

Aloha kākou,

Please consider this my letter of support for the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a in Ka‘ū.

My name is Marley Strand-Nicolaisen, and I was born and raised in Ka‘ū, Kiolaka‘a (and Pu‘umaka‘ā) ahupua‘a. As the daughter of a fisherman, the coast of Ka‘ū was our source of food growing up. We spent many days and nights hiking, camping, and fishing the areas from Honu‘apo to Honomalino. Kiolaka‘a was such a special place to us - it provided countless imaginative thoughts of the stories told on the old road, countless hiking explorations, and provided my sisters and I gained a sense of Hawaiian culture and history as we would discover caves and cultural sites. Traveling to and around Waikapuna was always a treasured memory, and hiking the Maniania pali felt like we were going back in time. I hope to one day share these experiences with children of my own.

Ka‘ū is rural, and it needs to stay that way. If we want to provide for our future generations, we need your support in the protection of these sacred lands.

Please support the protection of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a.

Mahalo for your time,
Marley Strand-Nicolaisen

January 21, 2021

Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i

Subject: Support Item C1B and C1C Kiolaka'a and Manāka'a

The Nature Conservancy supports Ala Kahakai Trail Association's efforts to purchase and protect Kiolaka'a and Manāka'a in Ka'ū, Hawai'i Island. Ala Kahakai Trail Association's mission is to support and guide a community-managed trail that honors those who came before and perpetuates for those to follow – with protocols and respect for Hawai'i's past, present and future.

The Kiolaka'a lands are below the village of Wai'ōhinu, and native seasonal mesic and dryland forest remnants found in the rough lava lands support stands of lama, wiliwili, alahe'e, hao, ahakea, ulei, naio, and the listed endangered kauila. Along the shoreline at Ka'alu'alu Bay a network of trails lead to Kapenako, a freshwater spring and anchialine pond teeming with two varieties of 'ōpae 'ula, and thickets of naupaka, milo, and 'auhuhu at the water's edge. The adjacent Kamilo section of the Ka'ū Forest Reserve in Wai'ōhinu contains the most diverse native coastal strand vegetation remaining on Hawai'i Island.

Founded in 1951, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. Our mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. TNC's Hawai'i Program has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. We manage 40,000 acres in 13 preserves and work in 30 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian islands.

TNC's Ka'ū Forest Preserve is part of the largest and most intact expanse of native forest in the state and featuring closed-canopy *koa* and 'ōhi'a sheltering a lush understory of native *uluhe* and *hāpu'u* tree ferns, rare plants and endangered forest birds. Also, our coastal Kamehame Beach Preserve is a critically important nesting site for the endangered hawksbill turtle and a refuge for the threatened green sea turtle whose survival depends upon undisturbed nesting sites and healthy coral reefs primarily on Hawai'i island.

Protecting these lands would fulfill the Ka'ū community's longstanding goal of protecting our beloved 80-mile coast to perpetuate our rural lifestyle and Hawaiian culture. Access to the coastline

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The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i Program

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is important for our community which still relies on subsistence fishing, farming, and gathering. Conserving this landscape will perpetuate cultural access for descendants and recreational access for travelers along the ancient trail allowing all to walk in the footsteps of Ka'ū's ancestors.

Mahalo,

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From: Reyna Ramolete
To: [DLNR.BLNR.Testimony](#)
Cc: [Lea Hong](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Testimony in Support of BLNR Agenda Item C(1)(B) & C(1)(C)
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 7:43:08 PM
Attachments: [Kiolaka"ā Manaka"ā BLNR Mtg_TPL Testimony & LOS 2021.01.20.pdf](#)

Aloha Chair Case and Members of the Board,

Attached please find The Trust for Public Land's testimony in support of BLNR Agenda Item C(1)(B) & C(1)(C):

Approve grant awards from available funds in the Land Conservation Fund, as requested in applications to the Fiscal Year 2021 Legacy Land Conservation Program and as recommended by the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, for the acquisition of interests and rights in specific parcels of land having value as a resource to the State, for:

- B. Ala Kahakai Trail Association, \$1,475,000, for the acquisition of approximately 1,841.3 acres at Ka'u, Hawai'i (Kiolaka'a), Tax Map Key Numbers (3) 9-4-001:008, :009, :016, and :017 (and :023, pending final county enrollment of new parcel)
- C. Ala Kahakai Trail Association, \$875,000, for the acquisition of approximately 348 acres at Ka'u, Hawai'i (Manaka'a Fishing Village), Tax Map Key Number (3) 9-5-010:026

We have attached eight letters of support from our partners who support the protection of Kiolaka'a, seven letters of support from our partners who support the protection of Manaka'a, and 175 signatures from community members who support the protection of Manaka'a.

Mahalo for your consideration,
Reyna

Reyna Ramolete Hayashi
Aloha 'Aina Project Manager



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Re: Testimony in Support of BLNR Agenda Item C(1)(B) & C(1)(C)
Approve Fiscal Year 2021 Legacy Land Conservation Program Grants

B. Ala Kahakai Trail Association, \$1,475,000, for the acquisition of approximately 1,841.3 acres at Ka'ū, Hawai'i (Kiolaka'a), Tax Map Key Numbers (3) 9-4-001:008, :009, :016, and :017 (and :023, pending final county enrollment of new parcel)

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Aloha Chair Case and Members of the Board,

The Trust for Public Land is a non-profit land conservation organization and our mission is to protect land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come. For over 42 years we've worked to protect over 56,000 acres and 43 special places throughout Hawai'i. Our Aloha 'Āina Program protects lands that are culturally and historically important to Native Hawaiian communities and returns these lands to Native Hawaiian organizations for community and cultural stewardship. Our Sustainable Hawai'i Program conserves lands that support local food production, our forests and their native species, and clean water sources with the goal of improving Hawai'i's self-sufficiency and food security.

The Trust for Public Land has been working with Ka'ū community organizations, lineal descendants, and the Ala Kahakai Trail Association to purchase and protect Kiolaka'a and Manāka'a Fishing Village. The Ka'ū community has been working for years to permanently preserve its beloved 80 mile coast to honor Ka'ū's ancestors and allow all current and future generations to be nourished by these coastal lands. Kiolaka'a and Manāka'a are part of a landscape level effort to protect the Ka'ū coast. In 2019 we helped to protect Waikapuna with County and State funds and Kāwala which will be kept in agriculture and cultural preservation through a privately funded conservation easement. And we are currently working to conserve Kaunāmano. Combined, these projects protect a 6,600 acre cultural and natural landscape, connected by over 6 miles of the Ala Kahakai Trail.

In September 2019, the Legacy Land Conservation Commission ranked Kiolaka'a number 2 and Manāka'a Fishing Village number 3 for fiscal year 2021 funding. In 2019 the County Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation Commission (PONC) ranked Manāka'a number 1 for funding. And in Sept 2020, the County PONC ranked Kiolaka'a number 2 for funding.

Kiolaka‘a is an undeveloped 1,841 acre property home to treasured natural and cultural resources including portions of the ancient Kamakalepo settlement, Lua Nunu cave system, the most extensive refuge cave on Hawai‘i Island, heiau, habitation sites, intact native dryland forest, extensive trail network, miles of dry stack rock walls, native coastal plants, Kapenako fresh water spring, a complex of six anchialine ponds teeming with two varieties of ‘ōpae ‘ula, and the eastern shoreline of Ka‘alu‘alu Bay, a popular spot for fishing, diving, surfing, and camping. In the 1800s, the area was used for ranching starting with Ka‘alu‘alu Ranch owned by Princess Ruth Ke‘elikōlani. Today, a portion of the property is licensed to Triple LLL Ranch and MJ Ranch for cattle grazing. Protecting these historic ranch lands would help Ka‘ū perpetuate its paniolo history and continue ranching livelihoods and jobs.

Manāka‘a Fishing Village is a 348 acre coastal parcel in the ahupua‘a of Kāwala famed for the Maniania Pali sea cliffs. Its protection would preserve precious cultural sites, including heiau, iwi kupuna, lava tube habitation sites, water collection caves with underground springs, mauka-makai trails, and Manāka‘a Fishing Village. For over 4 years Kuahiwi Ranch has leased the property, rich with Pahala Ash soil, and its protection would allow their lease to continue. Kuahiwi Ranch is owned and operated by three generations of the Galimba family. The Ranch specializes in local, free-range, grass-fed beef which contributes to Hawai‘i’s food security. Protecting these unique pasture lands provides agricultural jobs for this rural community.

We understand that some members of the community have expressed concerns about the extent of public access to these lands and community involvement in a future management plan for Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a. The Trust for Public Land supports place-based and community-driven natural and cultural resource management and believes that communities who have kuleana (responsibility) and pilina (relationship) to place have a right to determine how to best manage, protect and sustain their oceans, lands and lifeways.

Kiolaka‘a & Manaka‘a Future Community Management Plan: Ala Kahai Trail Association (ATA) in its State and County funding applications has expressed a commitment to provide managed public access as well as conduct community engagement in a future community management plan within 18 months of taking ownership (if these conservation acquisitions successfully close). ATA is required to do so by these public agencies. Well-thought out, managed public access will be one important component of that plan, and is especially critical for places that contain sacred sites and rare and endangered native species that are threatened with theft, desecration, damage, dumping, and over-use. ATA wholeheartedly welcomes community members to participate in community management planning.

Example of ATA’s Community Management Planning at Waikapuna: ATA has formed a Stewardship Committee of eight Ka‘ū leaders and residents to guide their stewardship and community management planning process for Waikapuna. Thus far, interim management of Waikapuna is guided by this Ka‘ū-based Stewardship Committee. For long term management, the County is in the process of hiring a professional planning consultant, to develop a community management plan in consultation with the broader community where everyone can participate and have a voice.

With ATA as the proposed future owners and stewards of Kiolaka‘a and Manāka‘a, there

is new potential for community-based management. Local communities with relationships to place are in the best position to vision for the future management and stewardship of their waters, lands, and cultural and natural resources, and protect them for future generations. Protecting Kiolaka'a and Manāka'a cannot happen without active participation and stewardship by the entire Ka'ū community.

We have attached eight letters of support from our partners who support the protection of Kiolaka'a: Ho'omalū Ka'ū, The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, MJ Ranch, Huliauapa'a, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Jodie Rosam, and Representative Richard Creagan.

We have attached seven letters of support from our partners who support the protection of Manāka'a: Ho'omalū Ka'ū, The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, Kuahiwi Ranch, Huliauapa'a, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Representative Richard Creagan. Also attached are 175 signatures from community members who support the protection of Manāka'a.

The BLNR has a tremendous opportunity to protect and preserve Kiolaka'a and Manāka'a Fishing Village where natural, cultural, and agricultural resources will be forever conserved and stewarded by the Ala Kahakai Trail Association in close partnership with the Ka'ū community. The State's Legacy Land Conservation Program not only conserves precious cultural and natural resources, but plays a critical role in diversifying our economy, supporting jobs in conservation and agriculture and enhancing our food security, making Hawai'i more resilient in future economic downturns. Please approve DOFAW's request to approve grant awards from the Legacy Land Conservation Fund for Fiscal Year 2021 as recommended by the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. Mahalo for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reyna Ramolete Hayashi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "H".

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Re: Letter in Support of Ala Kahakai Trail Association’s and Trust for Public Land’s Efforts

to Protect and Acquire Kiolaka‘a, TMKs: (3) 9-4-001:008; (3) 9-4-001:009;
(3) 9-4-001:017.

To whom it may concern,

Ho`omalu Ka`u is a community based 501(c)3 based in Na`alehu, Ka`u, Hawai`i Island. Our mission is to “perpetuate, protect and conserve the land, culture, knowledge and history of Ka`u and its people.” We are committed to protecting the archeological, cultural, and historical treasures of the Ka`u District as well as the pristine, undeveloped environmental ecosystems in Ka`u’s 922 square miles.

The Ka`u Community Development Plan makes it clear that this community supports the preservation of the 80 undeveloped miles of Ka`u coastline. Ho`omalu Ka`u strongly supports Ala Kahakai Trail Association’s efforts to purchase and protect Kiolaka‘a.

Kiolaka‘a is a 1,836-acre property south of Waiohinu Town that includes intact native dryland forest, the eastern shoreline of Ka`alu`alu Bay, and portions of the ancient Kamakalepo settlement and Lua Nunu cave system. The cave system features a fortress with an elevated defensive wall and 102 sleeping platforms, built during the wars with Kamehameha. Other cultural sites include heiau, habitation sites, petroglyphs, and a segment of the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. A network of trails lead to Kapenako, a fresh water spring and anchialine pond teeming with two varieties of ‘ōpae ‘ula. The mauka pasture lands are leased for cattle grazing, perpetuating Ka`u’s paniolo traditions.

The cultural and spiritual connections to places throughout Kiolaka‘a are still important to Native Hawaiian and local families. This connection of nature and culture is inseparable, he pilina wehena `ole, and serves to link us to wahi pana (storied places) and Hawai`i’s past.

The Ka`u district retains the natural resources that supported thousands of people

for millennia, and it is still the land and sea bank that can sustain generations to come. Because this area has the seeds for future sustainability (agriculture, food, medicine, tools, building materials and spiritual connection) the preservation of this land and shoreline is vital.

We sometimes forget the value of unspoiled beauty, wildlife, solitude and spiritual renewal. Kiolaka‘a offer us all of these things. Its protection in perpetuity, is important for the people and the future of Hawai‘i nei.

Mahalo nui,

Wendy Scott-Vance,
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The property is below the village of Wai'ohinu, and native seasonal mesic and dryland forest remnants found in the rough lava lands support stands of lama, wiliwili, alahe'e, hao, ulei, naio, and the listed endangered kauila. Along the shoreline at Ka'alu'alu Bay a network of trails lead to Kapenako, a fresh water spring and anchialine pond teeming with two varieties of 'opae 'ula, and thickets of naupaka, milo, and 'auhuhu at the water's edge. The adjacent Kamilo section of the Ka'u Forest Reserve in Wai'ohinu contains the most diverse native coastal strand vegetation remaining on Hawai'i Island.

Founded in 1951, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. Our mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. TNC's Hawai'i Program has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. We manage 40,000 acres in 13 preserves and work in 30 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian islands.

TNC's Ka'u Forest Preserve is part of the largest and most intact expanse of native forest in the state and featuring closed-canopy *koa* and '*ohi'a* sheltering a lush understory of native *uluhe* and *hāpu'u* tree ferns, rare plants and endangered forest birds. Also, our coastal Kamehame Beach Preserve is a critically important nesting site for the endangered hawksbill turtle and a refuge for the threatened green sea turtle whose survival depends upon undisturbed nesting sites and healthy coral reefs primarily on Hawai'i island.

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Protecting these lands would fulfill the Ka'ū community's long standing goal of protecting our beloved 80 mile coast to perpetuate our rural lifestyle and Hawaiian culture. Access to the coastline is important for our community which still relies on subsistence fishing, farming, and gathering. Conserving this landscape will perpetuate cultural access for descendants and recreational access for travelers along the ancient trail allowing all to walk in the footsteps of Ka'ū's ancestors.

Mahalo,

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5 September 2019

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To Whom It May Concern:

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund supports Ala Kahakai Trail Association's efforts to purchase and protect Kiolaka'a in Ka'u, Hawai'i Island. Ala Kahakai Trail Association (AKTA)'s mission is to support and guide a community-managed trail that honors those who came before and perpetuates for those to follow – with protocols and respect for Hawai'i's past, present and future.

Kiolaka'a is a 1,836-acre property south of Wai'ohinu Town that includes intact native dryland forest, the eastern shoreline of Ka'alu'alu Bay, and portions of the ancient Kamakalepo settlement and Lua Nunu cave system. The cave system features a fortress with an elevated defensive wall and 102 sleeping platforms, built during the wars with Kamehameha. Other cultural sites include heiau, habitation sites, petroglyphs, and a segment of the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. A network of

trails lead to Kapenako, a fresh water spring and anchialine pond teeming with two varieties of 'ōpae 'ūla. The mauka pasture lands are leased for cattle grazing, perpetuating Ka'ū's paniolo traditions.

Hawai'i Wildlife Fund (HWF) is a small nonprofit organization that has been working to conserve native species in Hawai'i since 1996. During that time, we have been involved in research, education, restoration and advocacy projects related to marine debris, Hawaiian sea turtles, community-based management, environmental education, anchialine pool restoration, and more. During this time, we have also recovered over 300 tons (600,000 lbs.) of marine debris from the coastlines of Hawai'i Island, Maui and Midway with the help of thousands of volunteers, and can attest first-hand to the growing problem of plastic pollution in and around the Hawaiian islands and the threat this poses to our native flora and fauna. We hope that this purchase by the Ala Kahakai Trails Association will both help protect native plant and animal species, and the archeological history (and continued cultural use) of the area now and into the future. We look forward to working more with the AKTA to expand the capacity of our coastal conservation organization (and other partners like The Nature Conservancy), with support from the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources and the County of Hawai'i's Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission) to conserve the remote southern shores of Hawai'i Island.

Protecting these lands would fulfill the Ka'ū community's long standing goal of protecting our beloved 80 mile coast to perpetuate our rural lifestyle and Hawaiian culture. Access to the coastline is important for our community which still relies on subsistence fishing, farming, and gathering. Conserving this landscape will perpetuate cultural access for descendants and recreational access for travelers along the ancient trail allowing all to walk in the footsteps of Ka'ū's ancestors.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions about this letter of support.

Sincerely,



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Re: Conservation Purchase of Kiolaka'a, Ka'u, Hawai'i Island
TMKs: (3) 9-4-001:008; (3) 9-4-001:009 ; (3) 9-4-001:017

Aloha Reyna,

I, Walter Andrade, and MJ Ranch support Ala Kahakai Trail Association and the Trust for Public Land's efforts to help our community purchase, protect, and steward the lands of Kiolaka'a

Our family ranch has sub-licensed a mauka portion of this property, 316 acres, where we graze about 75 head of cattle, and we have also camped at Ka'alu'alu Bay over the years. Ka'u's agricultural lands should be protected to support our local agricultural economy and self sufficiency.

We look forward to working in partnership with Ala Kahakai Trail Association to ensure that our cattle ranching license continues and is complimentary to the goal of preserving the cultural and natural resources on the property. Protecting these lands would ensure that Ka'u's rural character and paniolo traditions are preserved for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to preserve Kiolaka'a.

Mahalo,



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HULIAUAPA'A

August 29, 2019

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Huliauapa'a strongly supports Ala Kahakai Trail Association and The Trust for Public Land's efforts to help the Ka'ū community purchase and forever protect Kiolaka'a. Ala Kahakai Trail Association's mission is to support and guide a community-managed trail that honors those who came before and perpetuates for those to follow – with protocols and respect for Hawai'i's past, present and future.

Protection of the Ka'ū coastline has been a long standing goal of the community. Kiolaka'a is a 1,836-acre property south of Waiohinu Town that includes intact native dryland forest, the eastern shoreline of Ka'alu'alu Bay, and portions of the ancient Kamakalepo settlement and Lua Nunu cave system. The cave system features a fortress with an elevated defensive wall and 102 sleeping platforms, built during the wars with Kamehameha. Other cultural sites include heiau, habitation sites, petroglyphs, and a segment of the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail. A network of trails lead to Kapenako, a fresh water spring and anchialine pond teeming with two varieties of 'ōpae 'ula. The mauka pasture lands are leased for cattle grazing, perpetuating Ka'ū's paniolo traditions.

Protecting Kiolaka'a from development would ensure continued access to this coastline for subsistence fishing and cattle ranching, cultural access for descendants, and recreational access for travelers along the ancient ala loa (Ala Kahakai Trail) so future generations can walk in the footsteps of their ancestors.

Huliauapa'a's vision is wahi kupuna thriving through Hawaiian self-determination. Our mission is to grow Hawai'i's communities through culturally based dimensions of innovative learning, leadership development and collaborative networking in wahi kūpuna stewardship. We are a Native Hawaiian non-profit organization which seeks to educate haumāna and communities on the appropriate stewardship of wahi kūpuna. Huliauapa'a members, including resource managers, researchers, educators, cultural practitioners, and students, share a unifying commitment and belief: to protect, preserve, and perpetuate Hawai'i's cultural and natural resources through educational opportunities, community outreach, and advocacy. Our organization is intent on transforming Cultural Resource Management (CRM) in Hawai'i, by integrating 'Ōiwi perspectives into our every-day operations and activities and striving to give Hawaiians and kama'āina a voice and a meaningful role in managing our own resources.



HULIAUAPA'A

Huliauapa'a provides educational programs, such as the Wahi Kūpuna Internship Program (WKIP), which is a summer internship for undergraduate students in the fields of Anthropology, Archaeology, Hawaiian Studies, and related fields. The program targets Native Hawaiian and kama'āina students to increase their representation in Hawai'i's Cultural Resource Management (CRM) field by providing them cultural and scientific mentoring, professional development, education, and applied field experiences. The program aims to develop and support the next generation of cultural resource managers in Hawai'i by offering a learning environment that bridges the worldviews of culture and science and by encouraging the interns to respect, appreciate, and utilize their cultural values, beliefs, and practices while conducting archaeological research. Kiolaka'a, Ka'ū would serve to be an ideal learning environment and the perfect educational grounds for training our youth and communities in the tools of cultural resource management and provide a perfect setting to further connect our people to our 'āina and wahi pana.

Huliauapa'a ran our annual Wahi Kupuna Internship Program in Ka'ū in 2014 and we were able to visit the Ka'ū coast with Keoni Fox and his 'ohana, and it was an inspirational experience for our students and staff. To see first hand that there are still intact cultural landscapes in our islands that provide a direct connection to our kūpuna was something that many of us have not experienced before. These types of settings are extremely important to preserve to teach our keiki and lāhui how our kūpuna were able to utilize the natural, cultural, and marine resources to live sustainably in these islands. There are many lessons that we can learn today from how our ancestors understood and utilized our unique environments, and Kiolaka'a is one of those cultural landscapes that should be preserved and protected for these special opportunities in the future.

Mahalo for your support,

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June 17, 2019

HRD19-8931

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Re: Letter of Support for the Acquisition and Protection of Kaunāmano and Manāka'a Fishing Village of the Ka'ū Coast
Kaunāmano Ahupua'a, Ka'ū Moku, Hawai'i Moku
Tax Map Keys: (3) 9-5-012:001; and, 9-5-011:001, 004, 005, 006

Aloha e Ms. Hayashi:

The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) is writing in **support** of the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) efforts to acquire agricultural and conservation lands along the Ka'ū coast for the purposes of preservation and restoration. OHA understands that TPL is currently seeking funding for these acquisitions from the County of Hawai'i Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources (PONC) Fund, the State of Hawai'i Legacy Land Conservation Fund, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Thus, TPL will meet with the PONC Commission on July 8, as well as submit an application to the Legacy Land Conservation fund in July. OHA further understands that TPL is closely partnered with the Ala Kahakai Trail Association (ATA),¹ who will primarily implement long-term stewardship of the area if acquisition is successful. OHA has previously provided support for similar TPL acquisitions in other areas along the Ka'ū coast. The current proposed acquisitions are aligned with a greater Ka'ū community effort to protect the entire 80 mile Ka'ū coast.

OHA is the constitutionally recognized body responsible for protecting and promoting the rights of Native Hawaiians. As such, OHA's mission is to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians by focusing our efforts on six strategic priorities: 'āina (land and water), mo'omeheu (culture), ho'okahuawaiwai (economic self-sufficiency), ho'ona'auao (education), ea (governance), and maui ola (health). By maintaining a connection to the past through the preservation of 'āina, it is OHA's hope that Native Hawaiians will participate in and benefit from responsible 'āina

¹ Ala Kahakai Trail Association (ATA) is a descendant led non-profit organization that provides community assistance for trail management and planning. The ATA helps ensure that the Ala Kahakai Trail is well-connected to the community and that Hawaiian values and principles are in place and practiced.

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stewardship. Previously, OHA has supported many efforts throughout the state that promote the preservation of agricultural and conservation lands threatened by rezoning and unnecessary development. OHA values the protection of such prime lands as a potential vehicle for food self-sufficiency and a means for reconnecting people with the 'āina through responsible stewardship.

The lands of Kaunāmano and Manāka'a contain innumerable cultural resources important to the preservation and perpetuation of Hawaiian culture. This area of the Ka'ū coast contains many still-intact fishing villages, historic trails, pristine cultural sites, natural springs, burial sites, petroglyphs, lava tubes, and caves that together maintain a strong cultural landscape. Native Hawaiians today continue to use this area for traditional cultural practices and educational purposes. Mo'olelo of this area describe thriving fishing villages and the practice of lua (traditional Hawaiian martial art). Additionally, it is believed that the caves and underground lava tubes served as strategic spots to defend the area and conceal armies in times of war.

The Ka'ū coast is also home to a variety of endangered Hawaiian flora and fauna. 80% to 90% of the honu'ea (hawksbill sea turtle) nest along the Ka'ū coast. The honu (green sea turtles), 'Ilioholoikauaua (Hawaiian monk seals), and koholā (humpback whales) depend on the clean waters off Kaunāmano. Native coastal plants blanket the shoreline, while pueo (Hawaiian short-eared owl), migratory birds, and native sea and shorebirds live along Kaunāmano's rocky shorelines .

OHA understands and supports TPL's and ATA's efforts to protect the natural and cultural resources of Ka'ū for present and future generations. As both TPL and ATA aim to protect existing cultural resources and seek to reconnect people to the 'āina through responsible stewardship, OHA views their overall efforts as being in concert with our own mission and strategic plan. OHA notes that the preservation of the parcels in question are further aligned with the October 2017 Ka'ū Community Development Plan which seeks to protect and enhance natural resources. TPL's and ATA's efforts to acquire these lands would effectively eliminate potential undesired development of the Ka'ū coast and help the Ka'ū community achieve their dream of one day protecting all of the Ka'ū coast.

Accordingly, OHA supports TPL's and ATA's efforts to acquire these lands and thereby enable our beneficiaries and the Ka'ū community to preserve, practice, and perpetuate Native Hawaiian culture; mālama Ka'ū's resources and sites; and, contribute to the future security and self-sufficiency of our islands. Should you have any questions, please contact OHA's Lead Compliance Specialist, Kamakana C. Ferreira, at (808) 594-0227, or by email at kamakanaf@oha.org.

'O wau iho nō me ka 'oia 'i'o,



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Re: Addendum to Letter of Support for the Acquisition and Protection of Kaunāmano and Manāka'a Fishing Village of the Ka'ū Coast
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Tax Map Keys: (3) 9-5-012:001; 9-5-011:001, 004, 005, 006; and, 9-4-001: 008, 009, 017

Aloha e Ms. Hayashi:

The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers this addendum to its letter of June 17, 2019 in **support** of the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) efforts to acquire agricultural and conservation lands along the Ka'ū coast for the purposes of preservation and restoration. This addendum is to clarify the applicability of the June 17 letter of support to include the contemplated acquisition of lands in Kiolaka'a, as part of the storied cultural landscape of Ka'ū described in the previous letter, and whose protection from development and undesirable land uses would enable present and future generations of our beneficiaries to preserve, practice, and perpetuate Native Hawaiian culture; mālama Ka'ū's resources and sites; and, contribute to the future security and self-sufficiency of our islands.

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Jodie Rosam and family are in support of Ala Kahakai Trail Association's efforts to purchase and protect Kiolaka'a in Ka'u, Hawai'i Island. Ala Kahakai Trail Association's mission is to support and guide a community-managed trail that honors those who came before and perpetuates for those to follow – with protocols and respect for Hawai'i's past, present and future.

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Our family owns nearly 50 acres in Kiolaka'a, just mauka of the property to which this letter is directed. We also own several parcels in the Green Sands subdivision, also in Kiolaka'a. Our family has been here for over 30 years, and we care deeply for these lands. As a restoration ecologist, conservationist, and teacher, I see the uniqueness of this land. Not only does it contain rare plant species, but it contains history. From battleground cave systems to ancient agricultural sites to veins of rare plants, this place is rich with significance.

As a mother of two young children, and an active member in our community and our keiki, I see the potential of this land for our future. Our family has a vision to restore old agricultural systems on our property and bring students from local schools to educate them on ancient agricultural techniques. We also plan to collect seeds from rare species and give seedlings to our community to restore these unique plant species. If this property were to become developed, a major source of dryland forest seeds would be lost. It is without question that ancient agricultural sites, burial sites, and cave systems would be destroyed as well. This land is special. It is sacred. And we fully support protection of Kiolaka'a.

Protecting these lands would fulfill the Ka‘ū community’s long standing goal of protecting our beloved 80 mile coast to perpetuate our rural lifestyle and Hawaiian culture. Access to the coastline is important for our community which still relies on subsistence fishing, farming, and gathering. Conserving this landscape will perpetuate cultural access for descendants and recreational access for travelers along the ancient trail allowing all to walk in the footsteps of Ka‘ū’s ancestors.

Mahalo,
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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October 14, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Speaker of the House Scott K. Saiki

From: Representative Richard P. Creagan 
Chair, House Committee on Agriculture

RE: Letter in Support of Legacy Land Conservation Funding to Protect and Acquire
Kaunāmano, Kiolaka‘a, and Manāka‘a in Ka‘ū, Hawai‘i

I am writing to express my strong support of Ala Kahakai Trail Association’s and Trust for Public Land’s efforts to purchase and protect Kaunāmano, Kiolaka‘a, and Manāka‘a in Ka‘ū, Hawai‘i Island. Ala Kahakai Trail Association’s mission is to support and guide a community-managed trail that honors those who came before and perpetuates for those to follow – with protocols and respect for Hawai‘i’s past, present and future.

Kaunāmano’s ancient fishing village of Pā‘ula includes the famous rock paved anchialine pool of Puhī‘ula cave. The property includes over four miles of the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail and 444 archaeological sites including heiau, refuge caves and lava tubes with petroglyphs and pictographs, a lua training area, house sites, and burials. Kaunāmano provides extensive coastal habitat for native plants, seabirds and marine life including humpback whales and hawksbill and green sea turtles. The lush mauka pasture lands are leased by Kuahiwi Ranch for raising local, grass fed beef, supporting the local, agricultural economy.

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Manāka‘a’s breathtaking Maniania Pali rises over 200 feet providing protection for nesting sea birds and native coastal plants. Cultural resources include 22 documented sites such as heiau, burials, lava tube habitation sites, underground springs, over one mile of the Ala Kahakai

National Historic Trail, two mauka-makai trails, and the remains of Manāka'a Fishing Village. These lands provide some of the best cattle grazing lands in Ka'ū, leased by Kuahiwi Ranch.

Protecting these lands would fulfill the Ka'ū community's long standing goal of protecting their beloved 80 mile coast to perpetuate their rural lifestyle and Hawaiian culture. Access to the coastline is important for their community which still relies on subsistence fishing, farming, and gathering. Conserving this landscape will perpetuate cultural access for descendants and recreational access for travelers along the ancient trail allowing all to walk in the footsteps of Ka'ū's ancestors.

I wholeheartedly support the Legacy Land Conservation Commission's recommendations to provide land acquisition funding for the conservation of Kaunāmano, Kiolaka'a, and Manāka'a.

MATTW,
Richard



Ho`omalu Ka`ū

a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation

Public Access, Open Space, Natural and Cultural Resources Commission
Department of Finance, County of Hawaii
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Re: Manuka`a fishing village, Kawala Ahupua`a, Ka`u, Hawaii Island
TMK (3) 9-5-010:26

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Aloha e Commissioners,

Ho`omalu Ka`u is a community based 501(c)3 based in Na`alehu, Ka`u, Hawai`i Island. Our mission is to “perpetuate, protect and conserve the land, culture, knowledge and history of Ka`u and its people.” We are committed to protecting the archeological, cultural, and historical treasures of the Ka`u District as well as the pristine, undeveloped environmental ecosystems in Ka`u’s 922 square miles.

The Ka`u Community Development Plan makes it clear that this community supports the preservation of the 80 undeveloped miles of Ka`u coastline. We are testifying today in strong support of the Ala Kahakai Trail Association’s and the Ka`u community’s efforts to protect the Manaka`a fishing village, Kawala, Ka`u with a conservation easement on the 348 acres.

The Manaka`a purchase offers an opportunity to preserve a large tract of native plant and animal species, open space with unparalleled views, access to the coastline, and numerous cultural and archeological sites. The cultural and spiritual connections to places throughout Kawala are still important to Native Hawaiian and local families. This connection of nature and culture is inseparable, *he pilina wehena`ole*, and serves to link us to *wahi pana* (storied places) and Hawai`i’s past.

The Ka`u district retains the natural resources that supported thousands of people for millennia, and it is still the land and sea bank that can sustain generations to come. Because this area has the seeds for future sustainability (agriculture, food, medicine, tools, building materials and spiritual connection) the preservation of this land and shoreline is vital.

We sometimes forget the value of unspoiled beauty, wildlife, solitude and spiritual renewal. Manaka`a Fishing Village offer us all of these things. A conservation easement on this area, and its protection in perpetuity, is important for the people and the future of Hawai`i nei. Please make this a priority for the Open Space fund.

Mahalo nui,
Wendy Scott-Vance,
President, Ho`omalu Ka`ū



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August 29, 2019

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Re: Letter in Support of Ala Kahakai Trail Association's and Trust for Public Land's Efforts to Protect and Acquire the Manāka'a Fishing Village property in Ka'ū, Hawai'i, TMK (3)9-5-010:026.

The Nature Conservancy's Hawai'i Program supports Ala Kahakai Trail Association's efforts to purchase and protect Manāka'a Fishing Village in Ka'ū, Hawai'i Island. Ala Kahakai Trail Association's mission is to support and guide a community-managed trail that honors those who came before and perpetuates for those to follow – with protocols and respect for Hawai'i's past, present and future.

Manāka'a's breathtaking Maniania Pali rises over 200 feet providing protection for nesting sea birds and native coastal plants that flourish beyond reach of cattle. A multitude of marine resources are found at the shoreline below, accessible via the ancient trail. Protection of this rocky coastline aligns closely with and supports TNC's strategy in purchasing and managing our nearby Kamehame Beach Preserve for species preservation and to prevent development, effluent and artificial light in the critical nearshore areas of Ka'ū, which are rich in marine biomass.

Founded in 1951, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. Our mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends. TNC's Hawai'i Program has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. We manage 40,000 acres in 13 preserves and work in 30 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian islands.

TNC's Ka'ū Forest Preserve is part of the largest and most intact expanse of native forest in the state and featuring closed-canopy *koa* and '*ōhi'a* sheltering a lush understory of native *uluhe* and *hāpu'u* tree ferns, rare plants and endangered forest birds. Also, our coastal Kamehame Beach Preserve is a critically important nesting site for the endangered hawksbill turtle and a refuge for the threatened green sea turtle whose survival depends upon undisturbed nesting sites and healthy coral reefs primarily on Hawai'i island.

Protecting these lands would fulfill the Ka'ū community's long standing goal of protecting our beloved 80 mile coast to perpetuate our rural lifestyle and Hawaiian culture. Access to the coastline is important for our community which still relies on subsistence fishing, farming, and gathering.

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Conserving this landscape will perpetuate cultural access for descendants and recreational access for travelers along the ancient trail allowing all to walk in the footsteps of Ka'ū's ancestors.

Mahalo,
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5 September 2019

Re: Letter in Support of Ala Kahakai Trail Association's and Trust for Public Land's Efforts to Protect and Acquire the Manāka'a Fishing Village property in Ka'ū, Hawai'i, TMK (3)9-5-010:026.

To Whom It May Concern:

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Hawai'i Wildlife Fund (HWF) is a small nonprofit organization that has been working to conserve native species in Hawai'i since 1996. During that time, we have been involved in research, education, restoration and advocacy projects related to marine debris, Hawaiian sea turtles, community-based management, environmental education, anchialine pool restoration, and more. During this time, we have also recovered over 300 tons (600,000 lbs.) of marine debris from the coastlines of Hawai'i Island, Maui and Midway with the help of thousands of volunteers, and can attest first-hand to the growing problem of plastic pollution in and around the Hawaiian islands and the threat this poses to our native flora and fauna. We hope that this purchase by the Ala Kahakai Trails Association will both help protect native plant and animal species, and the archeological history (and continued cultural use) of the area now and into the future. We look forward to working more with the AKTA to expand the capacity of our coastal conservation organization (and other partners like Kuahiwi Ranch, The Nature Conservancy, etc.), with support from the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources and the County of Hawai'i's Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Commission) to conserve the remote southern shores of Hawai'i Island.

Protecting these lands would fulfill the Ka'ū community's long standing goal of protecting our beloved 80 mile coast to perpetuate our rural lifestyle and Hawaiian culture. Access to the coastline is important for our community which still relies on subsistence fishing, farming, and gathering. Conserving this landscape will perpetuate cultural access for descendants and recreational access for travelers along the ancient trail allowing all to walk in the footsteps of Ka'ū's ancestors.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions about this letter of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Megan R. Lamson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light gray rectangular background.

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Re: Manāka'a Fishing Village, Ka'ū, Hawaii Island, TMK(3)9-5-010:026

Aloha Legacy Land Conservation Commissioners,

I would like to express my strong support for Ala Kahakai Trail Association and the Trust for Public Land's application to purchase and protect the Manāka'a parcel in Kāwala ahupua'a. The protection of this parcel is in the community's interest because it is one of the last remaining pieces in securing the undeveloped coastline that is so highly valued by the Ka'ū community, as expressed in the Ka'ū Community Development Plan. Keeping this parcel in agriculture will also support the rural economy in Ka'ū and provide the land base for agricultural production that supports the County and State of Hawai'i.

My family currently graze approximately 125 head of beef cattle on the entire 348-acre parcel. We have been ranching on this parcel for the last three years. We have been leasing the neighboring 2,317-acre Waikapuna parcel (Kahilipalinui ahupua'a) for the past twenty years and the adjacent 1,363-acre Kaunāmano parcel for fifteen years. Our ranch recently purchased the ranch-lands mauka of this property and are working on placing an agricultural conservation easement on the property. The Manāka'a parcel is unique from an agricultural perspective in that there is probably no other coastal property with such deep soils in the entire district of Ka'ū.

Our Ranch specializes in local, free-range, grass-fed beef which contributes to our local food security and self-sufficiency. We market about 450,000 lbs of meat annually to Whole Foods, Foodland, and Foodland Farms, as well as restaurants such as Town, the Volcano House, and Honolulu Burger Co.

We strongly believe in the agricultural, open space, and cultural value of this parcel and the adjoining parcels. We are committed to working together as partners with the Ala Kahakai Trail Association and the broader community so that our ranching operations can co-exist and compliment the preservation of both the cultural and natural resources on the property. Manāka'a, as part of the Ka'ū coastline, is a place that should be preserved for the people of the State and County of Hawai'i. The pristine Ka'ū coastline is a treasure that we can steward and a gift that we can pass on to future generations.

Mahalo,



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HULIAUAPA'A

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Re: Letter in Support of Conservation Purchase of Manāka'a Fishing Village in Kāwala, Ka'ū,
Hawai'i Island, TMK (3) 9-5-010: 026

Aloha Members of the Public Access, Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation
Commission,

Huliauapa'a strongly supports Ala Kahakai Trail Association and The Trust for Public Land's efforts to help the Ka'ū community purchase and forever protect Manāka'a Fishing Village, the makai lands of Kāwala, famed for the Maniania Pali sea cliffs and ancient trail systems. Ala Kahakai Trail Association's mission is to support and guide a community-managed trail that honors those who came before and perpetuates for those to follow - with protocols and respect for Hawai'i's past, present and future.

Protection of the Ka'ū coastline has been a long standing goal of the community. These lands are a rich historic, cultural, and natural resource for the Ka'ū community. Its protection would preserve Manāka'a Fishing Village which stands on the sea cliffs overlooking Waikapuna Bay, along with 22 precious cultural sites including heiau, caves which provide shelter for ancestral iwi kupuna, lava tube habitation sites, water collection caves with underground springs, ancient habitation complexes, ahu (altar) dedicated to Kua the shark god of Ka'ū. Over one mile of the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail runs through the property and two ancient mauka-makai trails connect Na'ālehu with the coastline.

Protecting Manāka'a from development would ensure continued access to this coastline for subsistence fishing and cattle ranching, cultural access for descendants, and recreational access for travelers along the ancient ala loa (Ala Kahakai Trail) so future generations can walk in the footsteps of their ancestors.

Huliauapa'a's vision is wahi kupuna thriving through Hawaiian self-determination. Our mission is to grow Hawai'i's communities through culturally based dimensions of innovative learning, leadership development and collaborative networking in wahi kūpuna stewardship. We are a Native Hawaiian non-profit organization which seeks to educate haumāna and communities on the appropriate stewardship of wahi kūpuna. Huliauapa'a members, including resource managers, researchers, educators, cultural practitioners, and students, share a unifying commitment and belief: to protect, preserve, and perpetuate Hawai'i's cultural and natural resources through educational opportunities, community outreach, and advocacy. Our organization is intent on transforming Cultural Resource Management (CRM) in Hawai'i, by integrating 'Ōiwi perspectives into our every-day operations and activities and striving to give Hawaiians and kama'āina a voice and a meaningful role in managing our own resources.



HULIAUAPA'A

Huliauapa'a provides educational programs, such as the Wahi Kūpuna Internship Program (WKIP), which is a summer internship for undergraduate students in the fields of Anthropology, Archaeology, Hawaiian Studies, and related fields. The program targets Native Hawaiian and kama'āina students to increase their representation in Hawai'i's Cultural Resource Management (CRM) field by providing them cultural and scientific mentoring, professional development, education, and applied field experiences. The program aims to develop and support the next generation of cultural resource managers in Hawai'i by offering a learning environment that bridges the worldviews of culture and science and by encouraging the interns to respect, appreciate, and utilize their cultural values, beliefs, and practices while conducting archaeological research. Manāka'a, Ka'ū would serve to be an ideal learning environment and the perfect educational grounds for training our youth and communities in the tools of cultural resource management and provide a perfect setting to further connect our people to our 'āina and wahi pana.

Huliauapa'a ran our annual Wahi Kupuna Internship Program in Ka'ū in 2014 and we were able to visit Manāka'a with Keoni Fox and his 'ohana, and it was an inspirational experience for our students and staff. To see first hand that there are still intact cultural landscapes in our islands that provide a direct connection to our kūpuna was something that many of us have not experienced before. These types of settings are extremely important to preserve to teach our keiki and lāhui how our kūpuna were able to utilize the natural, cultural, and marine resources to live sustainably in these islands. There are many lessons that we can learn today from how our ancestors understood and utilized our unique environments, and Makāka'a is one of those cultural landscapes that should be preserved and protected for these special opportunities in the future.

Mahalo for your consideration and support.

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Community Statement to Protect Manāka'a Fishing Village and Kaunāmāno in Ka'ū



We, the undersigned, support the hui of Ka'ū families, community members, and organizations who are working with the nonprofits Ala Kahakai Trail Association and The Trust for Public Land to help our Ka'ū community purchase and forever protect Manāka'a Fishing Village (the makai lands of Kāwala) and Kaunāmāno in Ka'ū, Hawai'i Island. — PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY --

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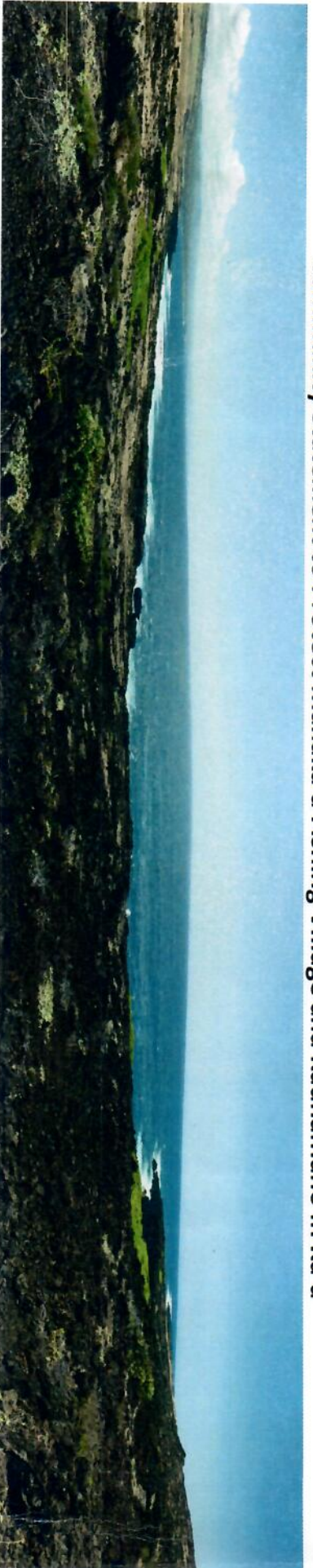
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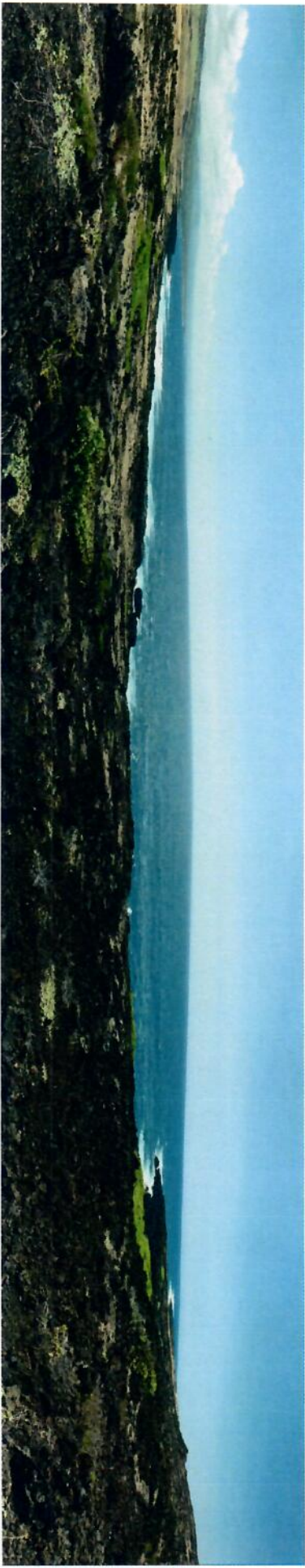
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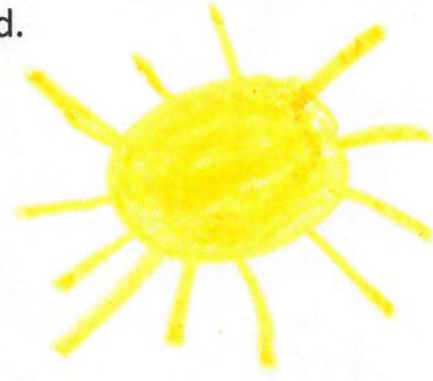
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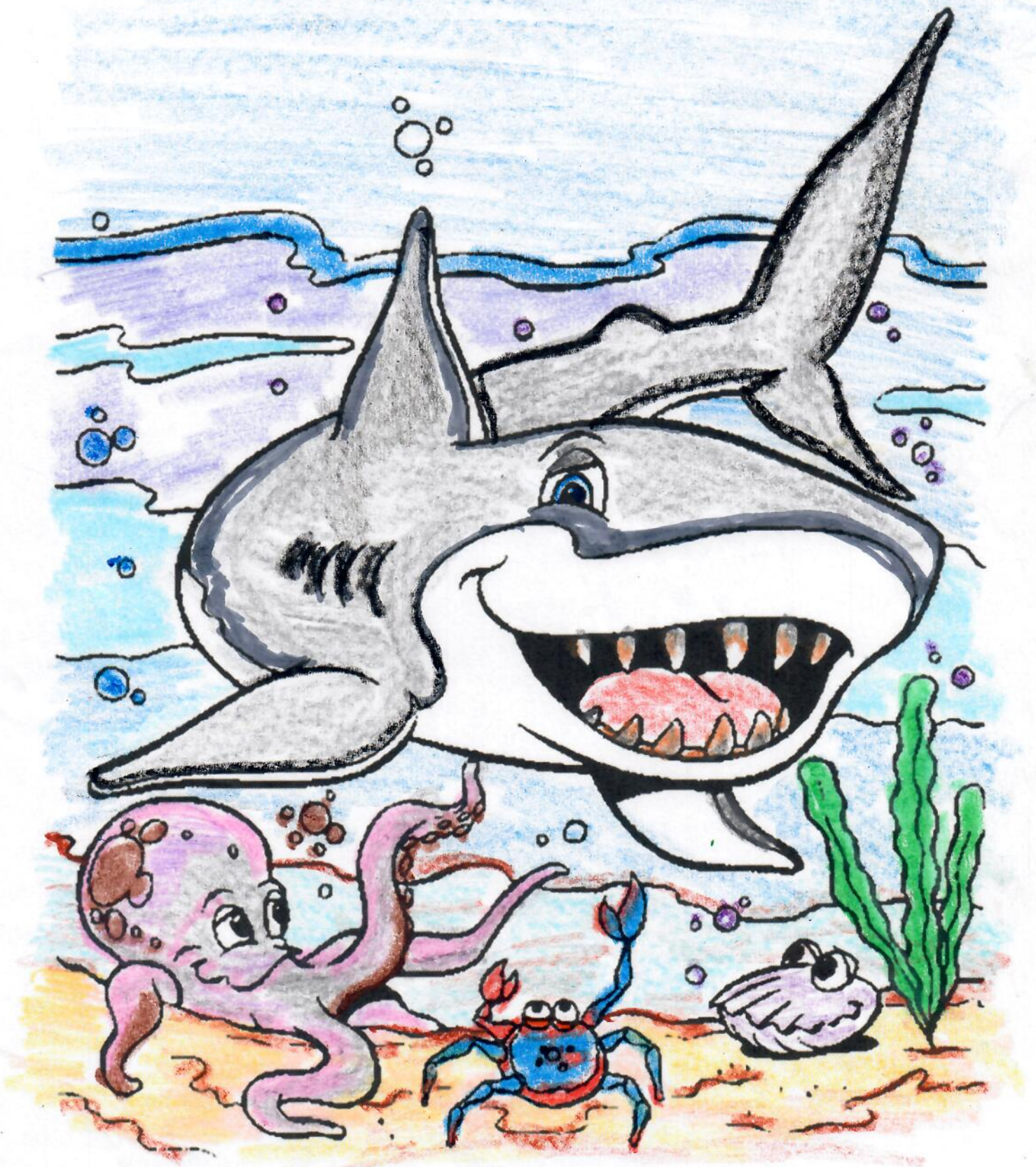


My name is Milan Souza. I am 1 1/2 years old.

I live in Mt. View. Please help our Ka'ū community protect
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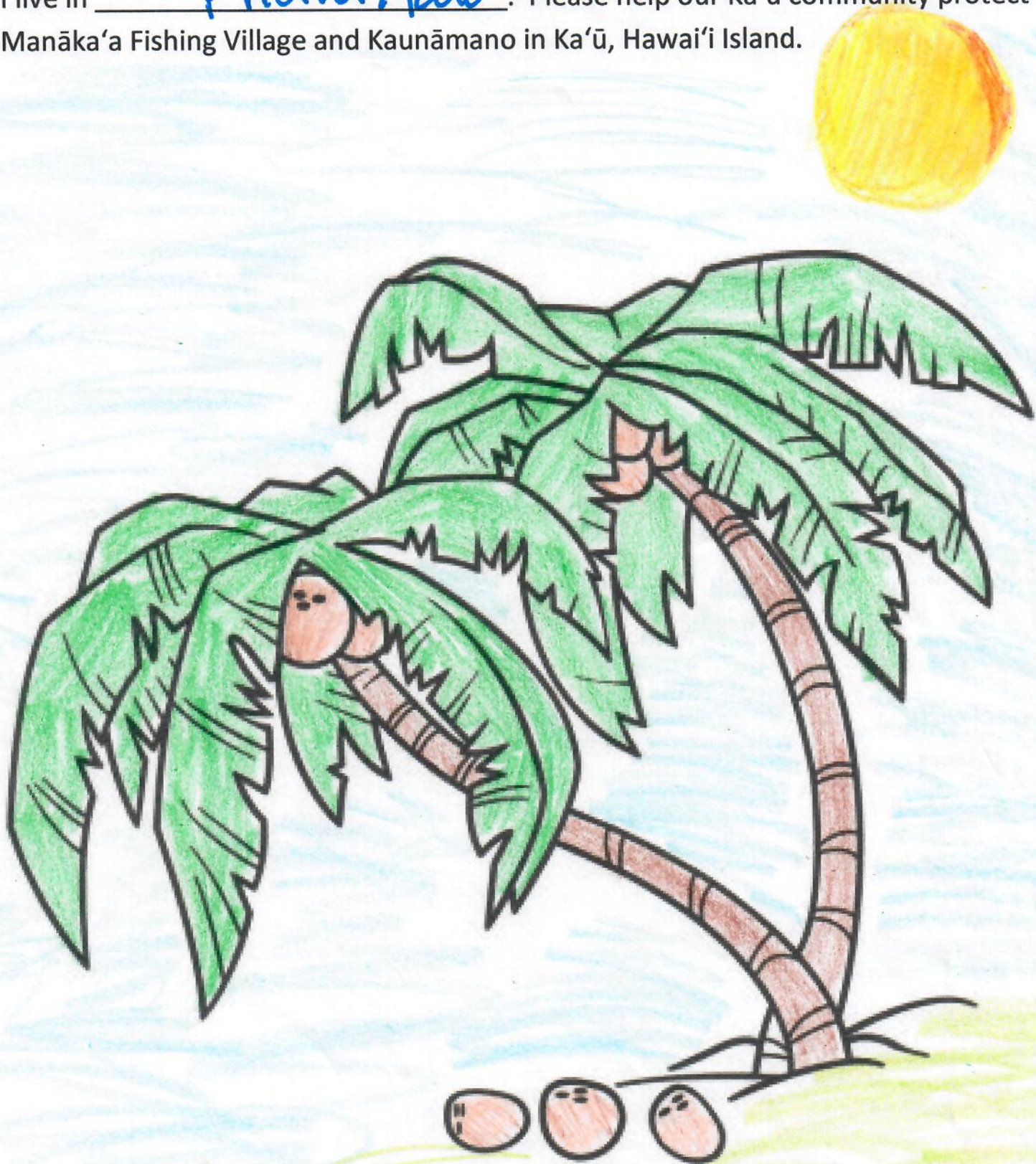


My name is Raejean. I am 64 years old.
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My name is Handsome. I am 10 years old.

I live in Phala'kav. Please help our Ka'ū community protect
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My name is Huachine CA. I am 10 years old.

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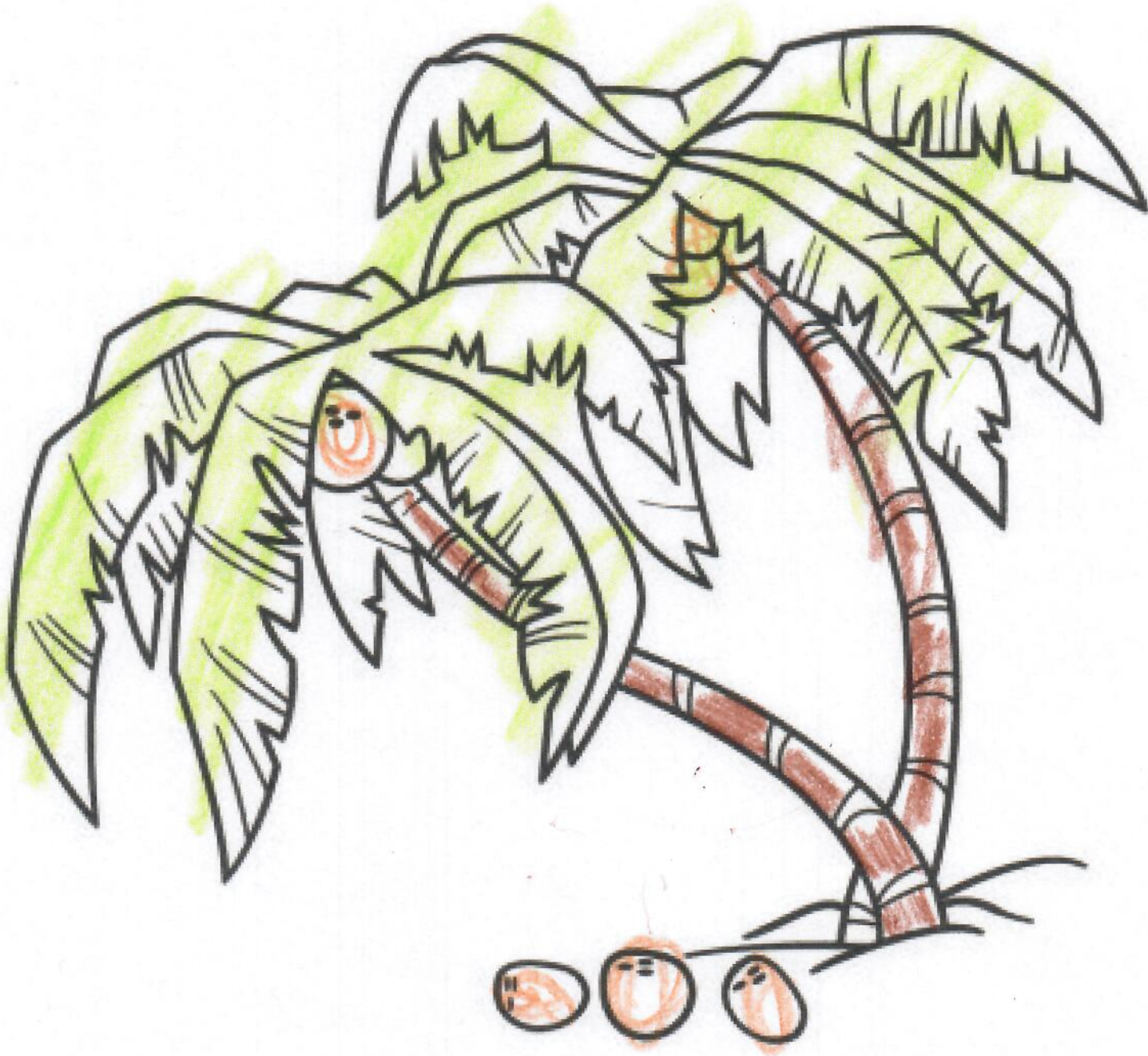
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